Senate Community Affairs Committee ANSWERS TO ESTIMATES QUESTIONS ON NOTICE SOCIAL SERVICES PORTFOLIO

2014-15 Supplementary Estimates Hearings

Outcome Number: 2 Question No: 355

Topic: Paid Parental Leave

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Senator Brown asked:

In a report dated 28 August 2014, the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO) estimated that after the commencement of the Government's PPL scheme, projected spending on PPL is projected to grow in real terms by 12 per cent annually over the medium term. Has the Department done any analysis on the growth in projected spending associated with the Government's PPL scheme? Does the Department have any analysis that contradicts the PBO's work?

Answer:

The costing of the Government's proposed Paid Parental Leave scheme has not been finalised, and is subject to final decisions of Government.